

## Patent Claims

1. An endoscope-type device, particularly an endoscope for emergency intubation, comprising a holding portion (7) and a shaft (1) which is configured to be flexible at least in partial areas  
  
**characterized in that**  
  
at least two longitudinal bendable pulling and/or pushing elements act on said shaft (1) in the axial direction at different distances from the proximal end, with said pulling and/or pushing elements extending as far as to the proximal end and being lockably received in a fixing device.
2. A device according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said shaft (1) has a ring-shaped cross-section and is configured as a leaf spring (9).
3. A device according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized in that** said pulling and/or pushing elements are configured as ropes which are substantially rigid in the longitudinal direction.
4. A device according to one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said pulling and/or pushing elements are received within said shaft (1) in guide elements (19) in such a way that they are movable in the longitudinal direction.
5. A device according to one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that**, seen from a cross-sectional view, said pulling and/or pushing elements are positioned in a ring-shaped arrangement within said shaft (1) at the inner periphery thereof.

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2        pulling and/or pushing devices act upon said shaft (1) in such a way that they are  
3        limited to the pulling and pushing directions.  
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- 5        7.    A device according to one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** lateral  
6        guide means are arranged inside said shaft (1) which, seen in a cross-sectional  
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8        areas.  
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- 10       8.    A device according to one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said  
11       shaft (1) comprises a channel (10) in the interior.  
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- 13       9.    A device according to claim 8, **characterized in that** said channel (10) is config-  
14       ured as a channel for an optical light guide (23) and an optical image guide (25) or  
15       as a channel for instruments.  
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- 17       10.   A device according to one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said  
18       pulling and/or pushing elements engage said shaft (1) in pairs in the axial direc-  
19       tion at substantially equal distances from the proximal end.  
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- 21       11.   A device according to one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the ends  
22       of said pairs of pulling and/or pushing elements are arranged at said shaft (1)  
23       point-symmetrically or symmetrically with the horizontal H or vertical axis V.  
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